

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Of the claims, claims 14-17 are withdrawn from consideration. A Final Rejection was issued on June 28, 2010. Applicant filed an RCE on September 28, 2010. A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was issued on December 15, 2010 stating that claims 11-13 which were provided with the status identifier "previously presented" were not in proper form because they had been modified since the previous amendment filed on April 23, 2010. Any such amendment of claims 11-13 was in error. Applicant herein reverts claims 11-13 to their previously presented status as provided in Applicant's April 23, 2010 Amendment. That is, claims 11-13 now appear exactly as they did in the April 23, 2010 Amendment with the proper "previously presented" status identifier. In addition Applicant has amended claims 6, 7 and 8 to remove the multiple dependency of these claims. Applicant has added new claim 18 which mirrors claim 8 with the only change being the claim from which it depends. Applicant believes this action obviates all issues raised in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Furthermore, Applicant believes all claims are in proper form for allowance and respectfully requests allowance of all claims as is argued in Applicant's September 28, 2010 RCE.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the above, Applicant asserts that claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 - 13, and 18 are in a condition for allowance and respectfully requests the same.

If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 515/558-0200.

All fees or extensions of time believed to be due in connection with this response are attached hereto; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 50-2098.

Respectfully submitted,



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